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THE EDITORIAL IN THE MARCH 29 TORONTO SUN ADDRESSED PRESIDENT
CARTER'S STATEMENTS ON BASIS HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE FUTURE
OF "DETENTE":

QUOTE HUMAN RIGHTS

ISN'T IT IRONIC THAT THE CONCEPT OF "DETENTE" IS BEING
THREATENED BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS SPEAKING
OUT FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS?

ISN'T IT REVEALING TOO, OF JUST WHAT SORT OF A WORLD WE
LIVE IN?

SINCE TAKING OFFICE PRESIDENT CARTER HAS INDULGED IN CON-
SIDERABLE SYMBOLISM -- A SHOWY FRONT, A SENSE OF STYLE, CREATING
A MOOD FOR HIS ADMINISTRATION. MORALITY, COURAGE IN DECLARING
FOR UNIVERSAL VALUES, A COMMON TOUCH, NOW IT'S TIME TO GET INTO
THE AREA OF SUBSTANCE -- TO BACK UP THE BRAVE WORDS.

BREZHNEV SEEMS ANXIOUS TO SNUFF OUT THIS MORALITY BUSINESS.
SCARE THE NEW PRESIDENT INTO APPEASEMENT -- AS FORD WAS
INTIMIDATED (OR, IF NOT FORD WHO REALLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND,
KISSINGER, A MENACE WHOSE MURDEROUS INTERPRETATION OF
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DETENTE WAS DESTROYING THE WILL OF THE WEST).

SO WHAT ARE SOME OF THESE "HUMAN RIGHTS" CARTER IS
PUSHING? HERE ARE SOME, AS OUTLINED BY THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
BEFORE THE BULK OF ITS MEMBERS BECAME PETTY, ONE-PARTY TYRANNIES IN
THEIR OWN RIGHT:

ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE BORN FREE AND EQUAL...
EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO ALL THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS...

WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF ANY KIND, SUCH AS RACE, COLOR, SEX,
LANGUAGE, RELIGION, POLITICAL OR OTHER OPINION, NATIONAL OR SOCIAL
ORIGIN, PROPERTY, BIRTH OR OTHER STATUS.

EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO A FAIR PUBLIC HEARING BY AN INDEPENDENT
AND IMPARTIAL TRIBUNAL.

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION
-- INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO HOLD OPINIONS WITHOUT INTERFERENCE AND
TO SEEK, RECEIVE AND IMPART INFORMATION AND IDEAS THROUGH ANY
MEDIA AND REGARDLESS OF FRONTIERS.

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY AND
ASSOCIATION; NO ONE MAY BE COMPELLED TO BELONG TO AN
ASSOCIATION.

AND SO ON. BREZHNEV VIEWS THESE DECLARATIONS AS BEING
ANTI-SOVIET. AND OUR MR. TRUDEAU HAS REFRAINED FROM ENDORSING
MR. CARTR'S STAND -- UNTIL HE SEES HOW THE SOVIETS REACT.
IT ALL SPEAKS VOLUMES OF AMERICA. AND OF THE USSR, AND OF
CANADA'S MORALITY AND COURAGE. THE IRONY IS THE UN'S HUMAN
RIGHTS DECLARATION WOULD NEVER BE PASSED BY TODAY'S "LIBERATED"
MEMBERS. UNQUOTE.
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